

St. Michael the Archangel Parish School of Religion

Middle School Parent Handbook

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PSR Classes:

6th through 8th grade PSR classes will meet on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm in the school. The PSR calendar is attached, which contains the dates PSR has off due to holidays.

Attendance Policy:

In order for the students to receive quality catechesis, the attendance policy is attending **75%** of the classes for the year, meaning that your child can miss no more than 8 classes to receive completion of the class. Should there be a concern that your child has missed too many classes, you will be contacted by the DRE and further directives will be discussed.

If there is a school or sports conflict, contact the DRE to receive an excuse note that the child can take to their coach or school coordinator to ensure their full participation in PSR without creating problems with the child's other activities. If your child is ill, please contact the DRE and the lead teacher so they can relay the information missed and provide make-up work.

Disciplinary Policy:

It is the goal in our program at St. Michael's to create a culture of encounter and respect. If a student is displaying disruptive or disrespecting behavior, the DRE will be contacted by the lead teacher and the DRE will contact the parents. If the behavior continues, a meeting with the DRE and the parents will be required.

Arrival and Pick up procedures:

To insure the safety of all children in St. Michael's PSR, all children must be signed in and signed out of their classroom by a parent, legal guardian or authorized adult. If you choose to carpool, their name and number must be included on the registration form.

Visiting Students or Parents:

If a friend or parent of a child would like to sit in on a PSR class, please contact the DRE the week before the class so that arrangements can be made.

Sacrament Preparation:

If a student is in a sacrament year, there will be a required parent meeting where you will be given a specific manual with details on requirements and further resources to support your child in their preparation for their sacrament of initiation.

Curriculum:

The Office of Religious Education and Catechesis of the Diocese of Columbus provides a foundational curriculum intended for all religious education, both in the Catholic Schools and in the PSR programs. For more information about the curriculum, visit the diocesan website **below**, or contact the DRE.

<https://columbuscatholic.org/religion-course-of-study-1-cfcl-2015>

Our PSR Confirmation class is using the Chosen program by Ascension Press. The link below provides additional parent resources:

<https://ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/chosen/confirmation-preparation>

Parent Resources:

Mass Impact: www.massimpact.us

A Toledo family run Catholic ministry that includes videos, small group questions and more for families to reflect on the Mass readings for the week and bring the faith into the home through action steps for each week.

Dynamic Catholic: www.dynamiccatholic.com

Books, CD's, and resources for meeting the person of Jesus and living a life centered on the Trinity.

Lighthouse Catholic: www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org

A place to find CD's and digital downloads of Catholic talks along with other Catholic programs and resources.

The Wild Goose: www.thewildgooseisloose.com

14 Segment series by Fr. Dave Pivonka on the power of the Holy Spirit

Ascension Presents: www.ascensionpresents.com

Three different podcast channels that discuss living as a Catholic in daily life.

St. Michael's 24-hour Adoration Chapel: <https://www.saintmichael-cd.org/spiritual-life/eucharistic-adoration/>

Come visit Jesus in His throne room at Saint Michael's! You can drop by for a short time or stay for a while!

Teen Resources:

LifeTeen: <https://lifeteen.com/blog/>

Blog posts and resources to lead teens into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Chastity Project: <https://chastityproject.com>

An outreach program founded by Jason and Crystalina Evert that promotes abstinence and living the virtue of chastity through seminars and resources.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp: <https://cysc.com>

A summer camp for middle and high school youth that encourages high adventure activities that lead to a high adventure faith!

Youth Group: <https://www.saintmichael-cd.org/evangelization/youth-ministry/>

An opportunity for your children to encounter Christ in a radical way with peers with peers their own age at St. Michaels.